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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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FOLLOWING REPEAT NDJAMENA 1031 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ACCRA  
BANGUI YAOUNDE LAGOS NIAMEY PARIS LONDON LIBREVILLE 01 APR 77

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 1031

ACCRA FOR RCO

E O 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CD

SUBJ: ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0045 APRIL 1 HEAVY GUNFIRE BROKE OUT IN  
CENTRAL NDJAMENA. ALL AMERICANS WHO REACHABLE NOTIFIED WITHIN  
NEXT THIRTY MINUTES REMAIN AT HOME INDOORS. HEAVY FIRING  
CONTINUED FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, AND SPORADIC FIRING UNTIL  
ABOUT 0630 HOURS. IN VIEW CENTRAL LOCATION APPARENT GUNFIRE,  
I INSTRUCTED STAFF STAY AWAY FROM CHANCERY WHICH LOCATED WITHIN  
BLOCK PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. WHILE TELEPHONES CONTINUED IN OPERA-  
TION, ALL INTERNATIONAL CALLS REFUSED.

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2. CITY APPEARS QUIET AS OF 0800 LOCAL. RADIO CAUTIONED ALL  
CITIZENS REMAIN AT HOME AS OF 0700; RADIO WENT OFF AIR AT APPRO-  
XIMATELY 0730. NO PROBLEM ACCESS CHANCERY FROM NEARBY AMB/DCM  
RESIDENCES, BUT OTHER AREAS CITY CORDONED OFF BY TROOPS.

3. BRIEF RECONNAISSANCE CENTER CITY EARLY A.M. REVEALED EVIDENCE

FIRING AGAINST PRESIDENCY AND CENTER CITY MILITARY ENCAMPMENT.  
SOLDIERS AT COMPANY STRENGTH BEING PARADED BEFORE LATTER AT 0730.  
AT 0300 DCM HAD OPPORTUNITY BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH OFFICER OF  
GOC INTELLIGENCE WHO CLAIMED UNABLE IDENTIFY ATTACKING FORCES  
EXCEPT FOR FACT THAT THEY "MUSULMAN." INITIAL REACTION FRENCH  
EMBASSY IS THAT ATTACKERS MEMBERS GUARD NOMADE, POSSIBLY WITH  
OUTSIDE HELP. AS OF 0800, RUMORS WHICH HAVE LITTLE IDENTIFI-  
CABLE BASIS IN FACT, MAINTAINED THAT UNIDENTIFIED REBEL GROUPS  
IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENCY WITH PURPOSE FREEING CON-  
SPIRATORS APRIL 13, 1976, ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT  
MALLOUM AND FORCING REORGANIZATION GOC.

4. ALL AMERICANS BELIEVED SAFE. DEPT PLEASE INFORM CARE  
HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK AND CONOCO THAT EMBASSY IN TOUCH WITH  
LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO REPORT NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN WELL-  
BEING LOCAL STAFF.BRADFORD.  
UNQUOTE VANCE.

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